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Subject: U.S. Application of: OSMAN
Our Reference: 4077-2

Dear Dr. Osman:

We have prepared and therefore enclose two copies of a patent application on the above-identified invention, including a specification, claims, drawings and a Declaration.

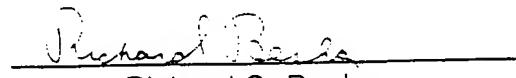
Please review the application for accuracy and completeness. If there are any corrections, revisions, additions or deletions, please do not hesitate to mark up one copy of the application, returning it to me for further review and revision. If the application is satisfactory in its present form, please sign and date the enclosed Declaration, returning to me one complete copy of the application, including specification, claims, drawings and the executed Declaration (please verify that your address and citizenship are correct on the Declaration). It is important that a complete copy be returned with your executed Declaration as it is that copy which will be forwarded to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

This will also acknowledge and thank you for your note of November 2, 2001 and your retainer check in the amount of \$1,000, as well as a copy of your confidential disclosure agreement. I have not reviewed the agreement and have merely placed it in our file.

Once you have completed your review, please return a marked-up copy or an executed copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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